

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-3. Canceled.

Claim 4. (Original) A method of lowering the blood glucose level by administering a GHS-R antagonist.

Claim 5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Canceled )

Claim 7. (Original) A method of preventing or treating diabetes mellitus which comprises administering an effective dose of GHS-R antagonist.

Claim 8. (Original) A method of preventing or treating obesity which comprises administering an effective dose of GHS-R antagonist.

Claim 9. (Original) A method of suppressing appetite which comprises administering an effective dose of GHS-R antagonist.